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OUR STANDING ADVICE IS THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD NOT COME TO BENIN UNLESS THEIR TRAVEL IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. IN WAKE OF JAN 1977 MERCENARY ATTACK BENINESE SUSPICION OF FOREIGNERS IS ALWAYS PRESENT, AND ANY FOREIGNER FACES POSSIBILITY OF DETENTION FOR QUESTIONING. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE HAD ONE U.S. BUSINESSEAN IN PRISON FOR THREE AND A HALF MONTHS, AND AN AMERICAN WOMAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER QUESTIONING FOR "SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES". WE HAVE HAD BUSINESSMEN RECENTLY COME TO BENIN, HOWEVER, CARRY OUT THEIR TRANSACTIONS AND LEAVE WITHOUT PROBLEMS. IF MR. GURLEY HAS FIRM APPOINTMENTS, DOCUMENTS IN ORDER, AND DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE PHOTOS, HE PROBABLY COULD TRANSACT HIS BUSINESS WITHOUT INCIDENT. BUT AS THE POSSIBILITY OF ARBITRARY DETENTION IS ALWAYS PRESENT, HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HE WOULD BE TRAVELING AT HIS OWN RISK. SUGGEST ALL POTENTIAL VISITORS BE SO ADVISED. THOMPSON

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